

REMARKS

This Amendment, filed in reply to the Office Action dated September 19, 2005, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 6-12 and 14-16 remain pending in the application. Claims 1-4 and 6-8 have been allowed. Claims 9-12 and 14-16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Creutzmann et al. (U.S.P. 4,780,731) in view of Ushirozawa (U.S.P. 6,452,953). We propose the following comments for responding to the Office Action.

To expedite prosecution of this case, Applicant amends claims 9, 11-12 and 15 to include the features of pending claim 10. Applicant further respectfully submits the following arguments in traversal of the prior art rejections.

Applicant's claim 9, as amended, includes a feature that the amount of light correction means includes a table to represent the relation between temperature of each of the light amounts. The Examiner cites the presence of a memory SP to teach this feature. However, the use of the memory is discussed in connection with a processor generally, and thus may be used for running programs for the print device. The use of a table relating temperature and light is not an inherent aspect of the device including such a memory device. Applicant directs the Examiner's attention to col. 5, lines 22-32 of Creutzmann. This portion describes voltages from the sensors being compared to externally supplied voltages to determine drive currents for the LED's. Therefore, the use of a table is not a necessary aspect of the device operation. Therefore, claim 9 is patentable for at least this reason.

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Claims 11-12 and 15 are patentable for reasons analogous to, though not necessarily coextensive, with that set forth above for claim 9. The remaining claims are patentable based on their dependency.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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